GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2278
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2000
VILLAGES WITHOUT ELECTED PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of villages in each of the States without elected Panchayats as on January 1, 2000;

(b) whether the Tenth Finance Commission Report envisages that panchayati raj development funds have to be given only to the elected Panchayats; and

(c) if so, the percentage of allocated funds released to Panchayats during 1997-98, 1998-99 and this year so far ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI. SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a): As on January 1, 2000, the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar and the Union Territory of Pondicherry had not, so far, held Panchayat elections in accordance with the Constitution (Seventy-third Amendment) Act, 1992.Andhra Pradesh has not yet held Panchayat elections in the Schedule V Areas of the State, which are required to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996.

(b): The conduct of local body elections is mandatory, following the coming into force of the Constitution (Seventy-third Amendment) Act, 1992 and the Constitution (Seventy-fourth Amendment) Act, 1992. Keeping in view that the grant recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission is part of a larger Constitutional scheme of devolution of functions and responsibilities from the State to Local Bodies (to enable them to function as effective institutions of local self government), it has been provided in the guidelines, issued to State Governments, that the grant may be given only in respect of elected local bodies.

(c): A Statement indicating the State-wise and year-wise grants recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission during 1996-2000 for Panchayati Raj Institutions, the grants released till date and the grants released,as percentage of grants recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission, is enclosed.

Annexure referred to in answer to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2278 due for reply on 9.3.2000

The State-wise status of release of this grant is as follows (As on 7.3.2000)

State/UT	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		Total 1996-2000		
Recomm.	Released	Recomm.	Released	Recomm.	Released	Recomm.	Released	Recomm.	Released	c.10 as%age of c.9	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Andhra Pr.	8775	8775	8775	6581.25	8775	0	8775	17736.03	35,100.00	33,092.28	94.28
Arunachal P	113	113	113	28.25	113	0	112	0	451.00	141.25	31.32
Assam	3,334.00	3,334.00	3,334.00	833.5	3,334.00	0	3,334.00	0	13,336.00	4,167.50	31.25
Bihar	12,680.00	12,680.00	12,680.00	0	12,680.00	0	12,680.00	0	50,720.00	12,680.00	25
Goa	148	148	148	37	148	0	147	73.5	591.00	258.50	43.74
Gujarat	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	1,200.00	4,800.00	0	4,801.00	2,400.50	19,201.00	8,400.50	43.75
Haryana	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	516.5	2,066.00	0	2,066.00	4,648.50	8,264.00	7,231.00	87.5
H.P.	805	805	805	805	804	0	804	1,206.00	3,218.00	2,816.00	87.51
J & K	940	940	940	235	940	0	939	0	3,759.00	1,175.00	31.26
Karnataka	5,544.00	5,544.00	5,544.00	1,386.00	5,544.00	4,158.00	5,545.00	0	22,177.00	11,088.00	50.00
Kerala	4,470.00	4,470.00	4,470.00	4,470.00	4,470.00	4,470.00	4,471.00	4,471.00	17,881.00	17,881.00	100
M.P.	8,717.00	8,717.00	8,717.00	2,179.25	8,717.00	12,304.25	8,718.00	0	34,869.00	23,200.50	66.54
Maharashtra	8,675.00	8,675.00	8,675.00	8,675.00	8,675.00	0	8,676.00	4,338.00	34,701.00	21,688.00	62.50
Manipur	233	233	233	58.25	233	0	232	116	931.00	407.25	43.74
Meghalaya	216	216	216	54	217	0	216	108	865.00	378.00	43.70
Mizoram	74	74	74	18.5	73	128.5	73	73	294.00	294.00	100.00
Nagaland	116	116	116	29	116	0	117	58.5	465.00	203.50	43.76
Orissa	5,025.00	5,025.00	5,025.00	2,512.50	5,025.00	0	5,024.00	10,049.50	20,099.00	17,587.00	87.50
Punjab	2,584.00	2,584.00	2,584.00	646	2,584.00	0	2,583.00	1,291.50	10,335.00	4,521.50	43.75
Rajasthan	5,305.00	5,305.00	5,305.00	3,978.00	5,306.00	5,327.00	5,306.00	3,959.00	21,222.00	18,569.00	87.50
Sikkim	48	48	48	12	47	24	47	23.5	190.00	107.50	56.58
Tamilnadu	7,183.00	7,183.00	7,183.00	7,183.00	7,184.00	7,184.00	7,184.00	3,592.00	28,734.00	25,142.00	87.50
Tripura	348	348	348	348	348	0	349	174.5	1,393.00	870.50	62.49
U.P.	18,988.00	18,988.00	18,988.00	14,241.00	18,988.00	23,735.00	18,988.00	9,494.00	75,952.00	66,458.00	87.50
W.B.	8,336.00	8,336.00	8,336.00	2,084.00	8,336.00	0	8,337.00	16,273.53	33,345.00	26,693.53	80.05
Total:-	109,523.00	109,523.00	109,523.00	58,111.00	109,523.00	57,330.75	109,524.00	80,086.56	438,093.00	305,051.31	69.63